

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 212 without my signature.

This bill would eliminate, with few exceptions, the mandatory requirement that California physicians report to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) every patient whom they diagnose with a condition characterized by lapses of consciousness.

While these reporting requirements, which have been in place since 1939, may need to be streamlined, it is too great a risk to other motorists to simply eliminate reporting requirements altogether. One of DMV's primary mandates is to ensure that all drivers are competent to safely operate a motor vehicle. The DMV needs physician reports in order to fulfill that mandate.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger